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This paper and the Amended Appeal Brief enclosed herewith are submitted in reply to the Second Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated May 18, 2007, within the one-month period for response. Applicant has amended the Appeal Brief to include a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the separately argued dependent claims. This is being done in the interest of facilitating a prompt appellate review of the Application, as Applicant can find no such requirement in 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). The only requirement with respect to separately-argued dependent claims applies solely to dependent claims that recite means plus function limitations, of which no such claims are pending in this application. Nonetheless, Applicant submits that the Appeal Brief is now in proper form.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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